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3.30 O'CLOCK.

### TRAIN ROBBERY!

One of the Boldest Deeds on

Record.

WAS COMMITTED IN OHIO.

LAKE SHORE TRAIN HELD UP.

EXPRESS CAR WITH IMMENSE

SUMS ABOARD WRECKED

EARLY THIS MORNING.

INDIAN WAR BREAKS.

The First Bloodshed Committed

by the Bannock Indians.

GOVERNMENT TROOPS TO BE

HURRIED TO THE SCENE

OF TROUBLE.

THE PRINCETON MURDERER

Gets Twenty Years in Prison.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Will be Held October 5.

Dynamite Under a Church.

An Awful Drouth in Ontario.

BOLDEST TRAIN ROBBERY

Six Masked Men Held Up an Express

Train on the Lake Shore Road in Ohio.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]  
TOLEDO, O., July 24.—As bold and des-  
perate a train robbery as was ever com-  
mitted in the lonely and mountainous  
railroad regions of the great west occurred  
in thickly populated northern Ohio  
early this morning. This section of the  
country has seldom been so startled as by  
the daring robbery committed on one of  
the best passenger and express trains of  
the great Vanderbilt line and over which  
passes the greater part of the eastern and  
western travel and express business.

As the west bound New York express  
was passing through a stretch of lonely  
woods ten miles west of the town of  
Waukegan and about forty miles west of  
this city, a danger signal brought it to a  
standstill. Immediately six masked and  
armed men appeared from the dense  
thicket along the track. The engineer  
and fireman were covered by guns and  
terrorized into submission by two of the  
desperadoes.

The others then attacked the express  
car and compelled the messenger to open  
the safe at the point of their revolvers,  
and the safe was looted. The amount  
said to have been taken was \$9000, but it  
is thought that the sum was very much  
larger and is being kept secret by the  
express company.

The highwaymen did not attempt to  
molest any of the passengers. Their one  
object was the express car that contained  
the valuables. The railroad officials be-  
lieve they have clues that point to the  
implication of either railroad or express  
company employees in the robbery.

It is rumored here that besides a large  
amount of currency in the robbed car  
there had been placed aboard at Cleve-  
land \$400,000 worth of jewels, and that  
this fact was known to the robbers and  
these jewels were their chief object.

[LATER]

CHICAGO, July 24.—Conductor Darling  
of the Lake Shore express that was held  
up last night arrived in this city at 7.30  
this morning. He did not know what  
the loss was to the company.

The express car was badly wrecked by  
robbers in getting to the valuables. A  
four-inch stick of dynamite was left be-  
hind in the car unused.

INDIAN WAR BREAKS OUT.

First Aggressive Act Made by the Ban-  
nock Indians.

[Special dispatch to the Transcript.]  
POCATELLO, Idaho, July 24.—An Indian  
war has apparently broken out in earnest.  
The first bloodshed of a white has taken  
place, and the Bannock Indians have not  
only assembled in force on the Hoback  
river but have sent away their squaws  
and children and are ready to fight.

The Bannocks yesterday killed a white  
settler, his wife and child in Salt River  
valley. This was the signal for vengeance  
on the part of the whites, who pursued

the murderers and killed six of them.  
Excitement throughout all of north-west-  
ern Wyoming over the threatened upris-  
ing is intense.

CREYENNE, Wyo., July 24.—Governor  
Richards says that no movement of the  
state troops into the Jackson Hole coun-  
try will be made until more definite in-  
formation is received. He says that the  
reports as to the actual state of things are  
all conflicting.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 24.—It is  
understood that orders are to be issued  
from the war department this afternoon  
directing General Coppinger who com-  
mands the department of the Platte to  
send a body of troops from his command  
to the Jackson Hole country to compel  
the Indians to return to their reservation.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—The Indian  
agent at Fort Hall, Wyoming, confirms  
the reports of the killing of Indians, and  
makes a strong plea for immediate inter-  
vention by United States troops. Indian  
Commissioner Browning this forenoon  
also received a despatch from Agent Peter  
stating that a serious condition of affairs  
existed among the Bannock Indians, and  
urging that troops be sent to the scene of  
trouble.

OHL'S MURDERER SENTENCED.

Sentenced Today to Twenty Years in the  
Penitentiary.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]  
TRENTON, N. J., July 24.—John S. Col-  
lins, the negro who shot and killed Fred-  
erick Ohl the Princeton student, was to-  
day sentenced to twenty years in state  
prison for murder in the second degree.

STATE CONVENTION OCT. 5.

Republican State Convention Meeting's  
Work Today.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]  
BOSTON, July 24.—The Republican state  
committee at its meeting this afternoon  
voted to hold the state convention in  
Music hall, Boston, Oct. 5, 10 a. m.

Curtis Guild, Jr., of Boston was selected  
for permanent chairman; James Phillips,  
Jr., of Fitchburg, chairman of committees  
on resolutions, with the following mem-  
bers at large: Hon. Samuel Winslow of  
Worcester, David Slade of Fall River,  
Hon. William E. Barrett of Melrose and  
George R. Jewett of Salem.

BLOW UP A MEETING HOUSE.

A Desperate Deed Attempted Last Night  
in Situate.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]  
NORTH SCITUATE, Mass., July 24.—An  
attempt was made last night to blow up  
Konosethos hall in this place while a  
religious meeting was in progress. Evan-  
gelical meetings have been held in the  
hall for some time, and considerable dis-  
turbance has been created by the rough  
element who attended the services. A  
number of offenders had been arrested  
and fined. Last night when the explosion  
occurred there was a panic among the  
congregation and a number of women  
fainted but nobody was seriously hurt.  
The explosive is supposed to be dynamite  
and had been placed under a corner of the  
building. It shattered the woodwork and  
broke many panes of glass. The police  
are at work on the affair.

SUFFERING IN ONTARIO.

Drouth and Famino Staring Farmers in  
the Face.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]  
TORONTO, Ont., July 24.—News comes  
from the northern counties of Ontario  
that owing to the drouth and drying up of  
the pastures and ruin of the hay crop, the  
farmers are feeding leaves of trees to their  
cattle and others are obliged to shoot  
their cattle to prevent starvation.

BRITISH ELECTIONS TO 4 P. M.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]  
LONDON, July 24.—Returns up to 4 p. m.  
show that 233 Conservatives, 61 Liberal-  
Unionists, 140 Liberals, 59 McCarthyites,  
and 10 Parcellites have been elected to  
Parliament.

COMMISSIONER CONFIRMED.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]  
BOSTON, July 24.—The Executive Coun-  
cil this afternoon unanimously confirmed  
George W. Bishop of Athol for state rail-  
road commissioner.

HOOSAC VALLEY FAIR RACES.

Running, Trotting and Pacing for large  
Purses. The Conditions.

The races of the Hoosac Valley Agri-  
cultural society's fair have been arranged  
and are as follows:

Tuesday, September 17, 2.50 class, open  
to all homes owned in North Adams, Ad-  
ams, Williamstown and Pownall and Stan-  
ford, Vt., purse \$150 divided \$75, \$45, \$30;  
running race, half mile heats, best two  
in three, purse \$50, divided \$30, \$20.

Wednesday, September 18, 2.50 class,  
trotting, purse \$250; 2.27 class, trotting  
and pacing, purse \$250; society premium  
race.

Thursday, September 19, 3.00 class, trot-  
ting and pacing, purse \$350; 2.35 class,  
trotting, purse \$250; free-for-all, trotting  
and pacing, purse \$500; running race,  
three quarter-mile heats, best two in  
three, purse \$50, divided \$30, \$20.

Conditions: Entrance free for all, purses  
10 per cent. and no conditional entries  
received. Purses divided 50, 25, 15  
and 10 per cent. unless otherwise stated.  
Mile heats, best three in five in  
harness. National trotting rules to gov-  
ern. Six or more to enter, four to start.  
Horses to receive one premium only.  
Reserved to change order of program.  
Barn, hay, straw and feed furnished free  
of charge during races. Entries close  
August 24.

## FIGHT WITH A SNAKE.

A Pownal Woman's Very Dis-  
agreeable Experience While  
Milking Under a Tree.

AND THIS IS NO "SNAKE" STORY.

Not "Such Stuff as Dreams are Made Of"  
But the Guileless Truth of How a Wo-  
man with a Shovel Disposed of a  
Big, Vicious Reptile.

Woman has a wide and well-earned re-  
putation for loving neither snakes, mice,  
rats nor toads. In fact, at the ap-  
pearance of these rather unpleasant crea-  
tures, the average woman gives a  
shrill little feminine shriek and dignified-  
ly or undignifiedly seeks an elevated place of  
safety. And the hatred of this same  
average woman for this sort of vermin is  
not of that kind that inspires the courage  
and bravery necessary to attack and de-  
stroy the offending creature. In fact, one  
mouse, a scaly old rat and a snake are a  
sufficient force to drive a whole army of  
average women into a shocking retreat  
onto the uplands of chairs, tables and  
lounges.

But there is a woman in East Pownal  
who is an exception, as was proven one  
evening last week. Mrs. Henry Burdick,  
who lives about a mile from Pownal  
Centre on the east road, has not given up  
the old Acadian custom of "calling the  
cattle home" at evening and doing the  
milking herself, woman though she be.

It is under an apple tree near her house  
that the patient cow is accustomed to take  
her stand while Mrs. Burdick, one evening  
last week the milking was going on,  
when Mrs. Burdick attracted by some  
slight noise above her head glanced up.  
There, hanging from a limb directly above  
her, its small eyes wickedly gleaming and  
its forked tongue darting from its mouth  
was a very large mottled snake, com-  
monly known as a checkerboard adder. It  
was not less than four or four and a half  
feet long, and stealthily had crawled out  
on the limb and had let itself down ready  
to drop on its intended victim. It didn't  
take Mrs. Burdick long to see the reason  
for the noise, and the vicious reptile then  
dropped to the ground to follow up an at-  
tack in which it was to be met fully half  
way.

Mrs. Burdick secured a shovel that  
was close at hand and came back to settle  
matters with his snake. The ugly  
creature struck at her and reared itself,  
throwing itself in coils, its flattened head  
and open mouth making a very uncon-  
fortable looking spectacle. Twice it made  
a vicious attack on the woman, but one  
well directed blow of the shovel in spite  
of its dodging caught the snake just below  
the head and before it could recover from  
this stunning another blow settled the  
fight.

With the exception of a bad scare and  
being somewhat unmoved, Mrs. Burdick  
was not greatly affected, and she must be  
awarded the palm as being the champion  
woman snake killer of these parts.

And, by the way, this is no fake "snake"  
story to excite the derisive laugh and call  
down the common jeer. It is probably  
the nearest true and least exaggerated  
reptile story of the season. Nor can it be  
attributed to excessive and snake-produc-  
ing indulgence in strong liquor, for the  
reporter is guiltless of that. And we  
think it very inconsistent of the Spring-  
field Union of yesterday to discredit this  
form of journalism just a day previous to  
our securing a treasure snake story. It  
editorially said: "When news is scarce,  
which generally happens about this time  
of the year, the public is fully com-  
pensated by the discoveries of the newspaper  
men in the field of curious phenomena.  
Just now we are beginning to read won-  
derful snake stories, especially from Penn-  
sylvania, where immense black snakes  
abound. Among the latest is a monster  
which hugs and suckles cows, another  
that chases electric cars and still another  
that attempts to swallow boys who are in  
swimming. Then we have a kitten with  
six heads, a woman of forty-five who has  
just given birth to six babies and a great  
variety of remarkable phenomena of that  
kind, including the sea serpent, the pres-  
idential boom and the Sunday drouth in  
New York. There is no occasion to de-  
spair for want of interesting intelligence  
during the heated term."

IN THE DISTRICT COURT.

A Stabbing Affray Occupies Most of the  
Forenoon.

The case against Frank Little, who was  
arrested Monday for assault with a dan-  
gerous weapon upon an Italian, Alfonso  
Talerico, occupied all the forenoon. Lit-  
tle also swore out a warrant against Talerico  
for assault. It was shown from the  
evidence that Little asked Talerico for a  
match and then swore at him. This oc-  
curred on Furnace street. Little struck  
Talerico with his fist. Talerico grabbed  
at Little and Little drew a knife with  
which he attempted to hit Talerico. Lit-  
tle disappeared in the crowd and Talerico  
chased him, catching Little in front of the  
bottling works on Marshall street. Here  
both men were arrested. The case was  
continued until 1.15 o'clock this after-  
noon.

James Dwyer was placed on three  
months probation for drunkenness.

Frank Toro was charged with discharg-  
ing firearms in the fire district. Toro ac-  
cidentally shot a hole in a large sheet of  
glass in one of Tuttle & Bryant's doors.  
Toro was told to make good the damage  
done and the case was continued a  
month.

Adams School Principal.

John C. Hull, of Fryeburg, Me., has  
been appointed principal of the Adams  
high schools. Mr. Hull is a graduate of  
Bowdoin college and has been principal  
of Fryeburg academy, a noted institution.  
Mr. Hull has strong recommendations  
from some of the most prominent educa-  
tors of Maine and Massachusetts.

James McCann and George A. Simard  
sail from New York Saturday for Europe.  
They go on business and for pleasure.  
They will be gone about a month and will  
spend most of the time in Paris and Lon-  
don.

The Misses Nellie and Mary McDevitt  
have gone to their old home at East Dor-  
set, Vt., for a few weeks visit.

## NOT GUILTY

Is the Verdict of the Jury in the Kirby  
Manslaughter Case.

The trial of Patrick J. Kirby of Wil-  
liamstown on the charge of manslaughter  
occupied the superior court Monday and  
Tuesday. A year ago last January there  
was a row in Welch's blacksmith shop in  
Williamstown, where Kirby is employed,  
and he struck James Fitzgerald over the  
head with a chair. Fitzgerald died of  
lockjaw twenty days later. During the  
trial many witnesses were examined, in-  
cluding a number of Williamstown and  
North Adams doctors, and all the circum-  
stances attending the row and Fitz-  
gerald's death were brought out. The  
evidence was closed yesterday afternoon.  
Judge Gaskell's charge was concise and  
eminently fair, and the jury retired at  
3.30. It is understood that on the first  
balloon the jury stood eight to four for  
guilty of simple assault, the majority of  
the jurymen believing that the prisoner  
should be punished, but in much lesser  
degree than would have followed con-  
viction for manslaughter. After several  
further ballots the jury returned to the  
court room for more explicit instructions,  
and Judge Gaskell convinced them that a  
verdict of guilty of simple assault could  
not be expected under the evidence. On  
their return the jury reported a verdict  
of not guilty at 6.15, the court having de-  
layed adjournment for more than an hour  
to give them a chance to agree.

BERKSHIRE HISTORICAL MEET

A Pleasant and Profitable Gathering to  
be Held at Adams Tomorrow.

[From the Adams Freeman.]  
The meeting of the Berkshire Historical  
society will occur at the old Anthony  
homestead above West Adams, on the East  
road to North Adams, Thursday, begin-  
ning at 10 o'clock, a. m. This is the birth-  
place of Susan B. Anthony, having a shady  
grove and will be very appropriate for the  
meeting. It was hoped Miss Anthony  
would be present, but up to a late hour  
this morning, she has not decided to  
come, and it is doubtful if she will be  
present. However, the Berkshire His-  
torical society has planned an outing  
of much merit and no doubt many  
townspeople will participate with  
them, and learn from the speeches of the  
day and the papers presented a deal of  
the historical lore of this section and  
Berkshire in general. The house will be  
thrown open, the spacious front yard will  
provide room for the speakers and audi-  
ence, and this historic old Quaker place  
will be enlivened with a pleasant throng.  
Persons, outside of the society, attending  
the meeting will provide themselves with  
basket lunches. Dinner will be served by  
the speakers, members of the society and the  
press by ladies of the vicinity, who will  
provide accommodations. The ladies  
would like to supply dinner to all, but it  
is feared the number will be too large, so  
a distinction is made.

A regular program has not been made  
out, some of the details not having been  
fully arranged as yet, but an idea of what  
is in store can be gleaned from those to be  
present, among whom will be Prof. Perry  
of Williamstown, Dr. John Bascom of  
Williamstown, James F. Almy of Salem,  
Rev. A. B. Whipple of Pittsfield, Judge  
James M. Barker of Pittsfield, W. G. Har-  
ding of Pittsfield, Weather Prophet  
Becker of Beantown, C. L. Anthony  
of Franklin, Squire Sayre, Daniel Burlingame,  
Shubael Lincoln, and many others.  
Mr. Almy will present a picture of Elder  
John Leland to the Berkshire Historical  
and Scientific society, and Mr. Whipple  
will accept it on the part of the society.  
In addition there will be a number of val-  
uable historical addresses. Daniel Burlingame  
will exhibit some old relics. A good  
time is assured all who will take advan-  
tage of the meeting and attend.

Among the ladies who will have charge  
of the dinner will be Mrs. John Bowen,  
Miss Lucy Burt, Miss Phoebe Burlingame,  
Mrs. Arza Walling and Mrs. Richard  
Briggs.

Flora Stanford at the Columbia.

Miss Flora Stanford and her clever  
repertoire company have afforded a great  
deal of amusement and satisfaction to  
those who have as yet attended her enter-  
tainments.

Last evening, "Trix," a four-act western  
drama, was presented and was carried  
well in hand. Miss Stanford appeared in  
the title role, a rough, soubrette part  
which in contrast to her part of the night  
before showed her versatility. She is  
supported by an able company among  
which are several good comedians.

Harry McDonald, A. F. Duroy, Ward  
Hadley, have some comical and pleasing  
specialties in their songs, and elicited  
much applause.

Kate Western also receives repeated  
accores for her well rendered songs. She  
has a very sweet voice which did them  
ample justice. Annetta Hadley shows  
considerable talent in her impersonations  
and carries well her lines. And the whole  
troupe gives a very pleasing entertain-  
ment.

Richard W. Hall.

Richard W. Hall, whose serious con-  
dition and removal to the hospital yester-  
day was spoken of in this paper, died at  
11.40 a. m. today without having regained  
consciousness.

Mr. Hall was in his sixty-seventh year.  
He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William  
Hall and was born in Paterson, N. J., but  
his parents moved to this town when he  
was six months old and this was his  
home all his life.

Mr. Hall learned the tailor's trade of a  
Mr. Vandenberg and afterwards worked  
several years with Levi Randall, who in  
those days was the leading tailor of the  
town. Mr. Hall was an expert workman  
and in 1857 he went into business in  
company with his brother William. A fine  
trade was built up, but in 1861 William with-  
drew from the firm, and about 1865 the  
business was closed out and from that time  
Richard worked on his own account and  
on a small scale. He was a familiar figure  
and was well known by all classes. He  
had been in his usual health until within  
a few days and his sudden sickness and  
death will be a surprise to many. He  
leaves a daughter, Miss Myra Hall of  
Aurora, Ill., and a brother and sister,  
William and Miss Elizabeth Hall, both of  
this town.

The funeral will be attended from Sim-  
mons & Carpenter's undertaking rooms  
tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock and the  
interment will be in the West Main street  
cemetery.

## THE FARMER OFFICER.

GOES TO MAKE AN ARREST AND BE-  
COMES SUCCESSFULLY STRATEGIC.

Does Not Make Hay But Gets His Man  
and Some Milk.

Officers Daniels and Parrow went up to  
Florida yesterday and arrested Henry  
Sharon, a young man about nineteen years  
of age who is accused of shooting a hole  
through a plate glass window in the Wil-  
son block. The young man was employed  
with Elmer Rice and was at work in the  
hay field when the officers arrived. The  
officers hitched their horse in the woods  
some distance from the house and Mr.  
Parrow secreted himself a few yards from  
the dwelling while Mr. Daniels went on.

It was known the young man would run  
did he see the officers coming for him and,  
as the officers did not desire a quick chase  
in a hot day over the rough country of  
Florida, Mr. Daniels decided to use a little  
strategy that perhaps would work well  
and give a little fun. He went up to the  
house and inquired for the proprietor.  
He was told the proprietor was busy in  
the hay field, but was expected back in a  
minute. The mistress of the house in-  
quired about the stranger's business and  
the stranger said he would like a job at  
haying. The mistress thought the prop-  
rietor wanted a man and just then saw  
him coming from the field. The stranger  
set out to meet him and saw immediately  
that he was followed by the young man whom  
it was desired to capture. The stranger did not  
like this, but fortunately the young man moved  
off towards the brook. The stranger studiously  
turned his back to the young man and  
maintaining that position hired himself to  
"hay it." He strode along to the house  
with his new employer and when there  
explained his game. He warned Mr. Rice  
not to tell the young man that the officer  
was after him and then stepped out. In  
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